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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 179774

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 179774 SENT ACTION SAN SALVADOR DATED 30
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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 179774

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOES REQUEST FOR ARTIFICIAL RAIN-MAKING INFOR-
MATION

REF: A) EL SALVADOR 2928; B) STATE AIRGRAM A-7984 (1972)

1. CURRENT POLICY REGARDING WEATHER MODIFICATION IS THAT
THE USG WILL NOT ENCOURAGE REQUESTS BY OTHER COUNTRIES FOR
ASSISTANCE INVOLVING A HIGH RISK OF DAMAGE OR WHERE THE
EFFECTS CANNOT BE FORESEEN WITH REASONABLE ASSURANCE. ANY
SUCH USG ASSISTANCE WILL BE ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES WHERE
SCIENTIFIC OR POLITICAL ADVANTAGE OUTWEIGH THE RISKS
INVOLVED (SEE REFERENCE B).

2. IN VIEW OF HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR SITUATION AND RECENT
BROAD PRESS COVERAGE OF ALLEGATION THAT U.S. WEATHER
MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES CAUSED HURRICANE FIFI, DEPARTMENT
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BELIEVES THAT RISKS IN THIS CASE FAR OUTWEIGH POSSIBLE BENEFITS TO USG. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO PRESENT GOES REQUEST TO UNDER SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

3. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES GOES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ENTERING INTO A COMMERCIAL CONTRACT TO DETERMINE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF WEATHER MODIFICATION, A LIST OF COMMERCIAL WEATHER MODIFICATION CONTRACTORS CAN BE POUCHED TO POST FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOES. HOWEVER, LIST COULD BE OFFERED ONLY AS ITEM OF BUSINESS INFORMATION, AND IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL THAT EMBASSY MAKE CLEAR TO GOES THAT USG NEITHER RECOMMENDS NOR ENDORSES ANY OF THE INDIVIDUAL VENDORS NAMED ON THE LIST. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE
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